

NORWALK MINISTER URGES CRUSADE TO REPEAL DRY LAW

About Time Respectable People Assert Rights, Says Rev. Mr. Werner.

DISRESPECT FOSTERED.

All Laws Feeling Effect of Countless Violations, He Declares.

(Special to The Evening World.)
NORWALK, Jan. 24.—"I think the time has come when respectable people who believe there is a legitimate use for liquor should get together and by systematic effort and co-operation work either for a repeal or a revision of the Prohibition Law," says the Rev. J. Benton Werner, for nineteen years rector of Grace Episcopal Church of this place.

Mr. Werner has stirred up a local "tempest in a tea pot" by a recent sermon on the Eighteenth Amendment.

"A person either believes in the law or he does not," the rector told The Evening World representative who called on him. "If he believes in it, it is his duty to work as hard as he can to have it enforced, but if he does not believe in it, instead of glorying in the shame of a land which cannot enforce its law it is his duty to work against it. In working against it he should keep it under protest, or if he has not sufficient courage break it in protest."

"Things bring forth after their own kind. If enough of our eminently respectable people felt the danger to personal liberty sufficiently to go to jail instead of paying the rum runner to take the risk for them it would help some."

"We have made the sale of liquor a crime where a very respectable minority, to say the least, do not believe it a sin. It is time and labor thrown away to pass laws which do not have moral indorsement. We have cast out the demon rum and he has wandered up and down in dry places seeking rest and finding none, and we must watch out that he does not come back, as in the parable, bringing other spirits with him and our last condition be worse than the first."

"The great mistake was that in working for the amendment no effort was made at the same time to create a conscience for it. But it is now a part of the basic law of the land and as such is entitled to as much respect and support as any other. You cannot disturb one stone of the wall without bringing it all down. If we go on cultivating contempt for this law we will end up by not having respect for any law."

"Fortunately there is a way provided for changing laws which seem to need it, and those who believe that the Prohibition Law is unwise should with reason, common sense and sober judgment do all in their power to convince and persuade a major part of the people of the need of a change."

The rector does not advocate removing all public restraint in the use of liquor, but would license the drinker. Under his scheme, any man who wished to buy liquor would have to secure a license from the State.

In support of his scheme he points out how many things now are licensed. These include hunting, fishing, peddling, and even running an automobile, and, said the clergyman with a smile in closing, "If a man abuses the privilege of running an automobile, if he gets too careless and bumps into other people, they take his license away from him, but I have not read of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of automobiles."

WIFE'S MIND A BLANK, BULL WIRES TO FATHER

Two Will Reach Ridgewood To-Day With Their Daughter.

Word has been received from A. H. Bull of Ridgewood, N. J., teller in the Harriman National Bank, that he will arrive in Ridgewood with Mrs. Bull late this afternoon. The telegram was to his wife's father and stated Mrs. Bull's mind appeared to be blank. It further stated their seven-year-old daughter who is with them is well.

Mrs. Bull disappeared Dec. 31, with her daughter. Following the return of Ralph Costa, seventeen, who drove her to Hoboken and then went himself to Montreal, she turned up after three weeks of wandering, at the home of Dr. Oscar Heywood, near Mount Gilead, N. C. Dr. Heywood informed her husband she was there. Mr. Bull went South to bring her back.

WAR AVIATOR, HYSTERICAL, ATTACKS HIS WIFE.

Andrew Walsh, at one time an employee of the District Attorney's office in Kings County, was sent to the observation ward in the Kings County Hospital to-day. Walsh, who was an aviator during the war, was separated from his wife. Last December he hit her on the head with a hammer. Dr. Sylvester R. Leahy, who examined Walsh, said he was suffering from hysterical psychosis. Walsh was arraigned in Flatbush Court to-day on a charge of assault with intent to kill. The case was continued until Feb. 7 to allow the inquiry into his mental condition.

DODGERS PAY \$7,500 FOR NEW PLAYER.

The Brooklyn National League Club to-day announced it had bought Shortstop Crane from Cincinnati for \$7,500. The deal did not implicate any other player.

YOUTH, 18, SHOOT MOTHER AND TURNS GUN ON POLICEMAN

Meant to Kill Whole Family—Mother Refuses to Press Charge.

In pursuance of a threat to kill the entire family because he did not think life worth living, William Berman, eighteen, this morning shot his mother, Ida, in her home, No. 444 Powell Street, Brooklyn, causing a superficial wound in her left breast. Another bullet went wild.

When the youth was arraigned in the New Jersey Avenue Court, Mrs. Berman refused to press any charge, so Patrolman Unger of the Brownsville Station, whom he threatened with the revolver and who arrested him, charged him with violation of the Sullivan Law and on this he was held in \$2,500 bail for Special Sessions.

Mrs. Berman explained to Magistrate Eliperin that five years ago her son's head was injured in an automobile accident and it was thought for a time that he had become deranged, but he apparently recovered and became normal. For about a month he had been out of work, she said, and yesterday he asked her for money. The 75 cents she offered him he re-

fused and demanded his bank book. Later he drew out \$22 and with this, according to his own statement, he bought a revolver and box of cartridges.

When his mother awakened him this morning he met her with a revolver and said: "It's best that you and I get out of this world. Life isn't worth living. I'm going to shoot the entire family." With that he fired two shots at her.

As Mrs. Berman fell with the wound in her breast one of her three children, Rose, ran out after the elder Berman, who had just left the house. She caught him and told him of the shooting. He called Patrolman Unger and they hastened to the house. They found young Berman in the kitchen and as soon as Unger entered he was confronted with a leveled revolver and a command to "Stand!" Instead he leaped at the youth and took the pistol from him.

Mrs. Berman was taken to the Brownsville Station, where her wound was dressed by a surgeon from St. Mary's Hospital. Then she went to court.

WATER FOR PALESTINE CONCEDED BY FRENCH

World Fix Boundaries to Include Yarmuk and Litany Rivers.

PARIS, Jan. 23 (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).—A satisfactory settlement of the northern frontier for Palestine is reported to have been reached between Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, and Gen. Gouraud, High Commissioner for Syria.

Palestine's needs of the waters of the Yarmuk and Litany Rivers in northern Palestine, which have been included within the Syrian boundaries, is understood to have formed the basis of Dr. Weizmann's representations to which Gen. Gouraud, on behalf of France, acceded.

AUTO THIEF GETS 15 YEARS IN PRISON

Merlo Indicted Three Times; Twice While Out on Bail—Gets Severe Sentence.

The severest sentence that has been inflicted on a stealer of automobiles since that form of theft became popular with the criminal classes sent Robert Merlo, a young man, to Sing Sing Prison for a term of from twelve and a half to fifteen years to-day. Merlo is one of eleven men under indictment for repeatedly stealing automobiles. Their cases were taken up by the District Attorney for quick disposal after they had gathered dust in the office for a year or more.

Merlo was indicted for stealing an automobile on Nov. 22, 1920. A security company furnished a bail bond and Merlo went on his way. He was indicted again for stealing an automobile on April 18, 1921, and again furnished bail. On July 25, 1921, he was indicted for stealing an automobile and was released on bail.

The case of Merlo and ten others were called to the attention of the public by The Evening World in October, and most of the men were rounded up. Merlo pleaded guilty in the Court of General Sessions to the 1920 indictment, stood trial on the April, 1921, indictment and was convicted.

Judge Crain sent him to prison for from two and one-half to five years on the plea of guilty and for ten years flat on the conviction.

HOUSING SHORTAGE HITS SING SING.

The housing shortage has hit Sing Sing Prison. Warden Lawes had to send sixty-five of his prisoners to Auburn yesterday because of congestion in his prison.

ANOTHER DAY IN THE RIVER OF HOOD.

Prohibition Director Ralph A. Day announced to-day that he had "dropped" two more enforcement agents for the good of the service.

NAMES ON POLICE TABLET.

Two names were added yesterday to the bronze memorial tablet at Police Headquarters in honor of patrolmen killed in the performance of their duty. The names of Daniel J. Nevile, shot Sept. 27, 1921, and Joseph H. Kaushle, found shot to death at Riverside Drive and 168th Street two next day, were inscribed on the tablet, which now has sixty-two names.

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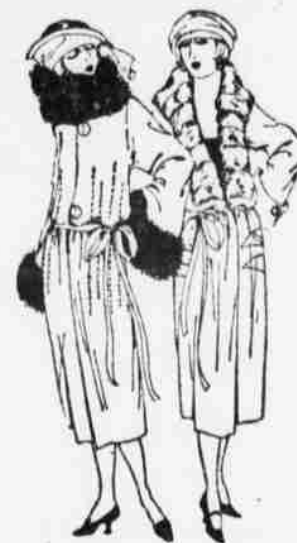
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